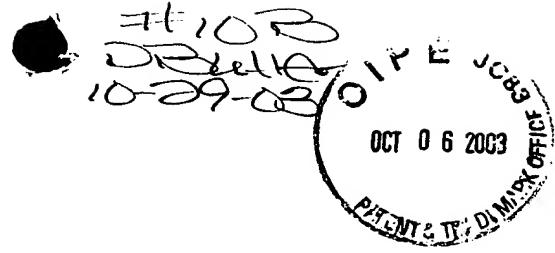


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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of June 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 14 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.